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HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications  
and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company, D.T.E. 02-19

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed please find a redacted version of a supplemental response to Information Request DTE 1-8 that provides the audit report referenced in Article III of the Gas Portfolio Optimization Agreement. The audit contains certain confidential information, including pricing information. Accordingly, the report is filed consistent with the Company's April 5, 2002 Motion for Confidentiality and is provided to the Attorney General and the Division of Energy Resources pursuant to confidentiality agreements.

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to these matters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,  
BROWN RUDNICK BERLACK ISRAELS LLP

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